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## REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for discussing the minor antecedent basis issues in claims 26 and 27. Because it is well appreciated that the prior claim references to "the at least one hole" were actually references to the "opening in the substrate," Applicant has presented the present amendments to avoid the use of "the at least one hole," which would lack antecedent basis. Applicant has instead employed "said opening" where "the at least one hole" was previously presented.

In the undersigned attorney's brief teleconference with the Examiner, the Examiner indicated that the present amendments were well understood and would not present any new matter or, indeed, change the scope of the claims. Indeed, it was indicated that the proposed amendments would be entered and the application allowed to issue with corrected claims.

If this submission raises any issues that must be addressed, the undersigned attorney would welcome a telephone call. Notably, the undersigned is a newly appearing attorney in light of a transfer of this application to Renner Kenner et al.

It is believed that no fee is due with the filing of this Response. Nonetheless, in the event that a fee required for the filing of this document is missing or insufficient, the undersigned attorney hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 18-0987.

In the event that an Extension of Time fee is due and missing, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to enter such an extension and charge Deposit Account No. 18-0987.

Respectfully submitted,

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